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January 16, 2020

Commissioner Robert Taub,
Chairman Commissioner Tony Hammond,
Vice Chairman Commissioner
Nanci Langley Commissioner
Mark Acton Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue,
NW, Suite 200 Washington , DC 20268

Ref: Cite Docket RM2017-3.

Dear CommissionersL

Mount Pisgah Academy, a part of the North American division of the Seventh-Day Adventist church, joins, the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation.

Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers. As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year. If postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our invitation mailings for free will donations. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

Mount Pisgah Academy is a boarding and day school operated by the SDA church. We offer over \$500,000 worth of scholarships, yearly for families that are financially disadvantaged. Many of our family can only dream of their children receiving an education at MPA. We accept all qualified students no matter of sex, race, ethnicity, or religion. Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will have a devastating impact on our ability to fundraise for these critical scholarships. Please do not approve this proposed rate schedule.

Sincerely,


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